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The band's
a bunch of
barneys.

The audience
came to laugh.

I don't care.

They
expect
a joke.

But Alison Blaire
gives them a
PERFORMANCE!

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HERE WE GO AGAIN!

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*My voice isn't as pure
as it used to be.*

*Too much mileage,
more than my
share of pain.*

*From those who
can actually
hear me, I get
cheers.*

As for the rest--

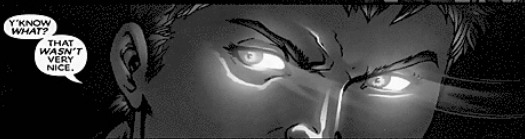
*--chances
are they
never got
past the
costume.*

*Not my suit of choice
these days, but times
are hard for mutants...*

*...and a gig's a
gig, no matter
how low-rent.*

*Not the
life I
dreamed
of when I
started--*

*--as a
mutant or
a singer.*





So much for
catching up
on the rent.

WHOZZAT!?!

DON'T
LOOK
~gasp~

KEEP RUNNING ~gasp~

DON'T
LOOK
~gasp~

KEEP RUNNING ~gasp~



AAAGHH!

WHERE
DID HE--



That
was
fun.



I wonder if
this type of
stuff ever
happens to
Wolverine...?









Being with the X-Men didn't
just teach me how to fight...

...but how to think
during a fight.



To know
when to
make your
stand...

...and when to book.



GRAB
HOLD,
FELLA!

WE'RE
OUTTA
HERE!





ZARK!

Optic
blast!

That means
I'm facing
Cyclops, too.

CRASH!

KEEP
GOING!

STAY LOW
AND IN THE
SHADOWS.

Has the
entire team
gone bad?

I'LL
COVER
YOU!

NO,
MISSY.
YOU
WON'T.

Beast?!

Human
again?





Once upon a time, there was a (reluctant) hero named Captain Britain, champion not only of his homeland here on Earth but of the pan-dimensional realm of Otherworld.

He loved and married a woman named Meggan.

They hoped to live happily ever after.

Now, he's lost them both, Meggan and Otherworld.

He doesn't know how.

He doesn't know why.

And so, he's come to what was once the stronghold of his team, EXCALIBUR, seeking answers, or perhaps a miracle.



He gets his wish.



Sort of.



H'LO, BRIAN.

OH MY GOD, BETSY!

YOU WERE DEAD.

I GOT BETTER.

HOW TOTALLY X-MEN.

HEY, YOU'VE DONE IT, TOO, BABY BROTHER.

I FIGURE IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY.





HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, I BROUGHT SOME FRIENDS.

GUTEN ABREND, BRIAN.

LONG TIME NO SEE, BIG GUY.

REMEMBER US?



KURT! KITT! LOCKHEED! RACHEL!!

WHAT IS THIS, AN EXCALIBUR REUNION?

NOT... EXACTLY, SCOTT SENT US.

WITH ALL THAT'S HAPPENED WITH M-DAY AND ALL, WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE OKAY.

BUT WHERE'S MEGGAN?



SHE... SHE'S GONE!

EVERYTHING WAS FINE... AND THEN I WOKE UP AND I LIVED HERE INSTEAD OF OTHERWORLD, AND I WAS ALONE.

I HAD THE STRANGEST DREAM.

ABOUT A CHAOS WAVE--

--A CROSS-TIME TSUNAMI THAT WOULD HAVE DESTROYED ALL CREATION IF NOT FOR YOU AND MEGGAN?

YES-- --BUT WHO?



HER
DREAM,
TOO.

I'M
NOCTURNE.

TALIA JOSEPHINE WAGNER...
OR, MY DAUGHTER FROM ANOTHER
DIMENSION, APPARENTLY
STRANDED ON THIS EARTH.

SHE'S BEEN
HAVING NIGHT-
MARES.

SHE
WAS IN MY
DREAM.

SO WERE
RACHEL AND
BETSY--AND
JUGGERNAUT?

WE'VE
GOT A
LOT TO
TALK
ABOUT,
AND NONE
OF
GOOD.

HOWZABOUT
WE ADJOURN
TO BRADDOCK
MANOR, SO
WE CAN FILL
YOU IN.

NOT SO EASY,
KITTY. SINCE MY
ANCESTRAL HOME'S
A GREAT BIG HOLE
IN THE GROUND.



BUT IT HAD BEEN
REBUILT LAST
TIME--

WHO'S
THERE?

THIS IS PRIVATE
LAND, WHAT
THE MEANING
OF THIS!



NO NEED FOR ANYONE
TO GET THEIR COLLECTIVE
KNICKERS IN A TWIST.

JUST
MY
LOUSY
LUCK.

I KNEW I
SHOULD'A
STAYED AT
HOME.



PETE WISDOM, MI-13.

LOOKIN'
UNCOMMON
RESPECTABLE,
PRYDE.

YOU ALL
ARE NEEDED IN
LONDON.

DAZZLER'S BEEN
MURDERED.

YOU SLEEP
IN THAT
SUIT,
WISDOM?

MI-13
DOESN'T
ALLOW
SLEEP.



LONDON

THOUGHT
WE WULZ DONE
WY MUTIES.

THAT'LL
BE THE DAY,
MATE!

EVIDENCE
OF MINOR
CONTUSIONS AND
ABRASIONS.

THE
LADY WAS
CLEARLY IN
A FIGHT.

BUT THAT
WASN'T
WHAT KILLED
HER.

I WON'T
BE CERTAIN 'TIL I
PERFORM THE POST-
MORTEM...

BUT THIS
LOOKS LIKE A
MYOCARDIAL
INFARCTION--A
HEART ATTACK.

WE CALLED YOU LOT
PARTLY AS A COURTESY,
SEEN' AS SOME O' YOU AN'
DAZZLER WERE MATES.

BUT
MAINLY,
'CAUSE O'
THE ICE.

IT CAN'T
BE ICEMAN,
PETER.

NOT ONLY
IS BOBBY DRAKE
IN AMERICA, BUT
HE HAS LOST HIS
POWERS--
COMPLETELY.

A COPYCAT,
THEN.

JUST AS
DANGEROUS.

KITTY--
WISDOM--
GUYS--

--I'M
SENSING BRAIN
ACTIVITY--

--ALISON'S
ALIVE!

ZZZZIPP!



AFTER
ALL THIS TIME--
IMPOSSIBLE!

KITTY--
PHASE INTO
ALISON'S
CHEST--

--APPLY
DIRECT HEART
MASSAGE TO
GET BLOOD
FLOWING

YEESH!



RACHEL, USE YOUR
TELEPATHY TO MONITOR
HER BRAIN ACTIVITY...



...AND YOUR
"ELENKINESIS"
TO JUMP-START
HER CENTRAL
NERVOUS
SYSTEM.

I'M SENSING--
CONSCIOUSNESS...



THEN LET'S FAN
THOSE EMBERS INTO
A FLAME.

BREATHE,
ALISON.
THERE'S MY BRAVE
GIRL.



ONE... AND TWO... AND
THREE... AND FOUR!



ALL RIGHT
KITTY,
PUMP HER
HEART.

OUR
FATHER
WHO ART IN
HEAVEN...



MY
TURN.



DON'T
QUIT ON
US NOW,
GIRL.

BREATHE!

GASP!

THE ROYAL
VICTORIA
HOSPITAL,
THAMES-SIDE



HEAD'S
UP,
DOWN
BELOW!

I'VE GOT A
CASUALTY!



SORRY ABOUT
THIS, FOLKS.

GIVEN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES...

...TELEPATHY'S
A WAY MORE
EFFICIENT MEANS OF
COMMUNICATION
THAN SPEECH.



LACERATIONS
HERE
AND HERE.

MAIN THING IS WE
JUST JUMP-STARTED HER
BACK FROM A MAJOR
HEART ATTACK.



WE'LL NEED BLOODS
AND VITALS, AND A FULL-
SPECTRUM SCAN TO EVALUATE
DAMAGE TO THE HEART.

WE ALMOST
LOST HER
ONCE--!

SHE'S IN
THE BEST OF
HANDS.









DON'T BE
FOOLED,
WISDOM.
THIS
IS AN
ACT.

SHE'S AN
IMPOSTER.

A TYRANT
FROM ANOTHER
DIMENSION WHO KILLED
THE REAL COURTNEY
AND TOOK HER
PLACE!

OH, REALLY?

ROGER MacEWAN WAS A GOOD MAN,
MR. WISDOM. I'LL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE
WHATEVER YOU REQUIRE TO BRING HIS
MURDERERS TO JUSTICE.



LIKE
YOU
CARE!

I LOVE YOU, BRIAN,
WITH ALL MY SOUL.
I HAVE FROM THE
VERY FIRST.

BUT YOU
LOVE
MEGGAN.

SOME DAYS
I WISH I *DIDN'T*
CARE, ESPECIALLY
ABOUT YOU. THOSE
FEELINGS LED
ME TO DECISIONS
I ALMOST
ALWAYS COME
TO REGRET.



PLEASE--LET'S
NOT ALLOW THIS
TO BECOME ONE
OF THEM.

BRIAN--
YOU SURE
SHE'S A
MONSTER?



THAT WENT
WELL, DON'T
CHA THINK,
PETAL?

WORTH
AN ACADEMY
AWARD, FOR
SURE.

BACK OFF,
WISDOM.

DON'T
TOUCH
ME.

WHY'S
THAT,
PRYDE?

FEELINGS
THAT'LL
LEAD YOU TO
DECISIONS
YOU'LL
REGRET?



INSIDE,
YOU
SORRY
LOT!

WE'RE
ON THE JOB
HERE.

THERE'S A GOOD AN'
DECENT MAN BEEN KILLED
AND, ON BEHALF OF MI-13--THE
DIVISION OF HER BRITANNIC
MAJESTY'S INTELLIGENCE
SERVICES DEVOTED TO SUPER-
BEINGS AND WEIRD
HAPPENINGS--

--IT'S OUR
RESPONSIBILITY
TO TAKE DOWN
WHOMEVER'S
RESPONSIBLE.

SO SUCK
IT UP, ONE
AN' ALL, AN' ACT
LIKE BLOODY
HEROES.



I MARK
FIVE
TARGETS.
CAN I
ATTACK?



DIBS
ON THE
BRIGHTENGALE
WHO GOT
AWAY.

THIS TIME,
SHE'LL STAY
DEAD.



SHE'S
MINE,
BEAST.

SHE DOESN'T
DIE UNTIL I FIND
OUT HOW SHE
SURVIVED THE
FIRST TIME.



EVERYBODY,
RELAX.
IT'S
NOT OUR
CALL.



QUITE
TRUE, MY
PETS.

THAT
PRIVILEGE
WILL EVER BE
MINE.



FIRST,
WE MUST
BAIT THE
TRAP.

WELCOME,
NOCTURNE, TO
THIS BRAVE, NEW
WORLD.



TALIA--
WHAT'S
WRONG?!

GASP!

MY
MIND!

HE'S
STEALING
MY
MIND!?



YOUR COMPANIONS, GIRL, MAY BE WELL-TRAINED IN THE ARTS OF PSYCHIC DEFENSE.

BUT THESE OTHER MINDS ARE MINE FOR THE TAKING.



THROUGH THEM, I OBSERVE ALL THAT OCCURS. I WILL WATCH EVERY STRATAGEM UNFOLD.

THE BATTLE HAS YET TO BEGIN, AND ALREADY YOU ARE ALL BUT BEATEN.



NEXT:
**LONDON
FALLING!**

SWORD STROKES

NOVEMBER ON-SALE 2005 X-MEN TITLES

HOUSE OF M - THE DAY AFTER: The One-Shot that sets up the X-Univers for the foreseeable future! Mutants de-powered, Sentinels, and all sorts of crazy stuff! This is the one not to miss!

UNCANNY X-MEN 456: With so much going on in her life, Marvel Girl is at her breaking point! And when a new pack of villains threaten to destroy the only family she has, will she be able to keep control?

X-MEN: DEADLY GENESIS 1: Secrets are exposed and loyalties are tested! And just where the heck is Charles Xavier? I mean, he couldn't have gotten far!

MUTOPOL M 5: Mutants are no more! See how the people of the now ironically-named Mutant Town are dealing with their new lives!

WEAPON X: DAYS OF FUTURE NOW 5: The end is here! Lives are lost, battles are won, and time-travel is involved! Frank Triel brings you the most rock-'n'-sock-n' conclusion of all time! Yes, we said ALL TIME!

GENERATION M 1: With so many mutants losing their powers, who will tell their story? Well, this comic, of course. Guest-starring Wolverine, Cyclops, and Chamber!

NEW X-MEN 20: Wow boy! NEW X-MEN kicks it up a notch! Ah, who are we kidding? They kick it up, like, 30 notches! New writers Craig Kyle and Christopher Yost, along with artist Mark Brooks, take the New X-Men kids to their limits and beyond! And guess who's joining the team?...X-23!

X-FACTOR 1: Jamie Madrox returns! Now he has a whole team of super sleuths to solve mysteries! Starring Layla Miller from HOUSE OF M! Come on, you love Layla Miller!

CABLE/DEADPOOL 22: Cable and Deadpool shoot all sorts of things! This is the issue you dare not miss!

NEW EXCALIBUR 1: Chris Claremont and rising star Michael Ryan bring you the very first issue of England's newest hero! HOUSE OF M affected the entire world, and it's their job to clean up the mess!

NIGHTCRAWLER 12: It's Kurt's birthday! You got him a present, right? You didn't? God, you're a jerk. It's your fault if this book is cancelled.

EXILES 72 & 73: The World Tour continues! It's off to the New Universe, home to Justice, Starbrand, and other things that went out of style in the '80s!

WOLVERINE 35: Wolverine now knows everything! Be there for the beginning for his journey of a lifetime! Literally!

X-MEN 177 & 178: The Sentinels have landed! What do they want with the X-Men? Besides, of course, the assumed "Destroy!" Find out the mystery behind these new Sentinels here!

X-MEN: COLOSSUS - BLOODLINE 3: From the pages of ASTONISHING X-MEN! Sinister stands revealed! What secrets does he hold about Colossus's family tree?

Welcome to the first ever letter column for NEW EXCALIBUR!! We hope you enjoyed Chris and Michael's slam-bang first adventure. We've got a new Excalibur team, new Excalibur mysteries, and a new haircut for Dazzler!! Who are these evil X-Men? Where does the new team fit in this Post-"House of M" world? Keep reading, true believers!

"A letter column?" you say. "In the first issue? How do you have letters for a book that just came out?" I have no idea how, but we have one.

Hi guys,

I just saw the cover of the 1st issue and just had to write to you to tell you I think that it is awesome! The art is amazing and the lineup is great! I have always been a great fan of Exiles and to think that Nocturne would become so popular was totally unexpected since the title had mixed reviews on its debut. It was great to put her in this lineup! She has formed a great bond with Juggernaut and I think they are now what Jubilee and Wolverine were in their day.

Thank you so much for finally saving Dazzler from comic limbo! She is such an underrated character!

Sage is also one of my favorite characters as well and I loved her in X-TREME X-MEN. Thank you for not letting her disappear! This is going to be a hit!

1) Will we be seeing the Exiles turn up at any point along the line?

2) Will Nocturne's origin be explored, i.e. her relationship towards Wanda Maximoff and Magneto?

3) Two characters I would like to see appear in this book would be Northstar and M. Will they be appearing in NEW EXCALIBUR? I think that they would make great additions!

4) Will Roberto DaCosta be making appearances since Sage has become his advisor?

5) Will Sage become romantically involved with Pete Wisdom? Or maybe even Bishop?

6) Get Mystique to join this team! I think that this would be the most appropriate team for her to join!

7) Both Cecilia Reyes and Marrow would be great for the team. Any chance?

I am so looking forward to having this issue in my hands. I know that it is going to be great!

Tim Blanchard

Thanks for writing in before we even put an issue out, Tim! We couldn't be happier to bring Dazzler back into the limelight. Well, I shouldn't say that. A Ferrari would make me very happy (hint, hint). You've

got a lot of questions. Let's see if we can give you some answers:

1) The Exiles are really busy on their World Tour right now (see their visit to the New Universe in Exiles #72, on sale now!) so they won't be dropping in on the new team anytime soon, but never say never...

2) We will definitely be dealing with Nocturne's origin, so stay tuned!

3) M is joining X-FACTOR (on sale later this month) and Northstar-- you will not believe what's coming down the road for him.

4) We will be dealing with the Hellfire Club in some fashion.

5) I'm pulling for a Sage/Dazzler relationship, myself. Va va va voo!

6) Who's to say Mystique's not on the team already. She is a shape-shifter after all.

7) I have some bad news for you, Tim. Cecilia Reyes is deceased. As for Marrow, she won't be joining the team anytime soon.

And with that, we say goodbye. Hope you all enjoyed this first issue. Wait till you see what happens next month! Here are some covers to tide you over.

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